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AAA contest winner first to redeem DOE / CHAMP Alternative Fuels Student Scholarship

The National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, working in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy, is pleased to announce that Keith D. Stambaugh, 19, is the first to redeem his DOE - CHAMP alternative fuel vehicle (AFV) scholarship. Keith is among 128 contestants in the 1995 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills competition to be awarded the scholarship, and the first to request reimbursement for tuition and books required for his Alternate Fuels course of study at Northwestern College in Lima Ohio. Keith's scholarship was provided under the U.S. Department of Energy's CHAMP alternative fuel vehicle Student Scholarship Program.

Keith, from Ubly Michigan, studied auto repair in his junior and senior year of high school at Huron Area Tech Center in Bad Axe, MI. He went on to complete a two year associates program in Automotive & Diesel Technology at Northwestern College in Lima Ohio. Having completed his automotive training, Keith is now taking specialized alternative fuel courses in CNG, LNG and LPG at Northwestern, thus allowing him to receive the DOE - CHAMP funds so designated.

Once he completes his AFV training, Keith plans to work full time in the automotive trade, and hopes to open his own auto and diesel repair shop within 5 - 10 years. Keith plans to include alternative fuel vehicle conversions and fork lift repairs as part of his day to day work.

The US Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Automotive Technician Education Foundation (NATEF) have responded to the anticipated demand for skilled auto technicians to service AFVs by joining efforts. Under the DOE sponsored Certification of Higher Learning in Alternative Motorfuels Program (CHAMP), NATEF has developed light/medium and medium/heavy duty technician training certification standards for compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) entry level training programs, and for in-service training providers. NATEF also administers CHAMP scholarship funds. The DOE - CHAMP program is now entering it's third year. For more information about the DOE - CHAMP program, or NATEF, please contact:

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